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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the passing of Chicago Police Officer Jose Vazquez on February 12, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Vazquez joined the Chicago Police Department in 1998, serving six of those years as a patrol officer in a Northwest Side area that includes several neighborhoods with serious Hispanic gang problems; he was promoted to special operations section in July of 2004, where he was deployed to gang and drug hot spots across the City of Chicago; he was scheduled to join the elite SWAT unit in two weeks; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Officer Jose Vazquez will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his loving wife, Onelia Vazquez; his parents, Raul and Carmen Vazquez; his siblings Raul, Jaqueline, Nancy, and Joaquin; his nephew Xavier; his many friends and fellow officers of the Chicago Police Department; and the residents of the West Side of Chicago, where he dedicated his career to making them feel safer; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor the memory of

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1 Chicago Police Officer Jose Vazquez and his dedication to his
2 family, the Chicago Police Department, and the residents of the
3 City of Chicago; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Officer Jose Vazquez as a symbol of
6 our sympathy.